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After waiting an hour to make a
long distance connection, one can ap-
preciate the attempts Mars is making
to communicate with earth.

Prof. David Todd's problem of shut-
ting off sunshine to make astronomical
observations is not nearly as dif-
ficult as Uncle Sam's problem of shut-
ting off moonshine.

THE PROBLEM OF THE THEATER

Ever now and then somebody rises
against the current tendency in the
theater. A Chicago minister told
what he thought about the passing
shows the other day and immediately
Percy Hammond, Grammatic critic of
the Chicago Tribune announced that
he agreed with him.

As in the serving of all public com-
modities the theater confronts the
problem, shall it give the people what
they want or what they should have?
Now most theatrical managers do
not worry over the answer to this
question. Here and there we may
have a Stuart Walker or a Winthrop
Ames with aesthetic appreciation, but
most theatrical managers are in the
profession as a business. The Win-
ter Garden shows may offend the cler-
gy and the dramatic critics but the
transient in New York seeks diversion.
Like in literature and art, public opin-
ion and public taste dictate to a great
extent the character of the cur-
rent play. If for a time public taste
runs to the bed-room farce and the
risque situation we may be sure the
managers are going to keep us sup-
plied with this type of show until
we have had enough.

With all the complaints, the stage
is not so bad as the people who sel-
dom go to the theater would have us
believe. No season is so dull that it
does not bring forth a few good plays
and a few great actors and the great
bourgeois is pretty well contented
with what is served as relishes be-
tween portions. The frivolous play
often gives offense to the intellectual
because it is so frankly represented
to be exactly what is instead of
posing under a false characterization.

Six thousand strikes were won in
the United States during the war.
Everybody won but the consumer.

The Allies are to stay on the Rhine
until the terms of the treaty are met.
Looks like a long sail.

THE SPICE OF LIFE

Monotony will drive one mad.
The well-balanced life is not one of
monotony. Mental rations, like food,
need the touch which adds piquancy.
Good music, a clever joke, an inter-
esting novel—such things as these
give tone to what otherwise would be
a colorless existence.

It is the irksome sameness of a
dull, routine life that many times
causes persons to indulge in excesses.
The tiresome uniformity of a drab
existence has palled upon them. They
are sick of it all. Then they throw
discretion to the winds for imaginary
freedom.

The ounce of prevention is variety,
an occasional diversion. And it need
not be a "thriller." An absorbing
show or a good literary work when
one's spirits are at low ebb afford the
needed spice.

SOCIETY

The University High School enter-
tained the mothers of the girls in the
high school at tea this afternoon from
3 to 5 o'clock.

The freshmen of the Phi Mu soror-
ity will give a Valentine tea for the
freshmen of the other sororities to-
morrow.

Out-of-town guests for the Alpha
Tau Omega formal dance tonight in-
clude: Miss Dorothy Wray of St.
Louis, Miss Louise Buffum and Clay
Stark of Louisiana, Miss Eleanor
Jameson of Fulton, Wallace Gray of
Palmyra, Earl Renick and Harry Diet-
rich of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs.
Chester Miller of Jefferson City, W.
G. Holt and E. C. Corum of Booneville,
Miss Corinne Carr of Cameron, Joe
Clark and Max Walton of Chillicothe
and Mr. and Mrs. Stockton Fountain
and Mrs. O. B. Mayes of Centralia.

The Kappa Alpha fraternity will
give a dinner for the sisters of its
members Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Warren left yesterday
for Kansas City where she will visit
over the week-end.

Miss Corinne Carr of Cameron
came yesterday to attend the Alpha
Tau Omega formal dance tonight.

The annual St. Pat's dance to be

given at Columbia Hall, March 12, will
include unusual features this year.
The music will be furnished by the
orchestra now playing at the Statler
Hotel, St. Louis. For those who do
not dance, special numbers will be
given including a Hawaiian quartet.
The new St. Pat's pin will form one



Miss Louise Buffum of Louisiana,
who came to attend the Alpha Tau
Omega formal dance. She is a guest
at the Pi Beta Phi House.

of the chief decorations. This pin is
made up of the green shamrock with
the engineer's slide rule in the center.
All members of the faculty of the
School of Engineering will be invit-
ed as chaperons.

D. A. R. Meeting Postponed.

The regular monthly meeting of the
D. A. R., which was planned for to-
morrow afternoon, has been post-
poned indefinitely.

CASTS OF PLAYS ANNOUNCED

Four One-Act Sketches by Dramatic
Club Next Wednesday.

The casts for the four one-act plays
which the University Dramatic Club
will present in the University Auditor-
ium Wednesday night have been
announced by Prof. Jesse E. Wrench
who is coaching the club.

Those who compose the cast for
"The Noble Lord" by Percival Wilde
are:

He Fred Edwards
She Margaret Waye
Peters Harry Schwimmer
"The Clod" by Lewis Beach will
have:

Thaddeus Trask John O'Keefe
Mary Trask Zella Ella Edwards
A Northern Soldier Benton Gabbert
A Southern Sergeant Joe Allen
Dick, a Southern Soldier

George Barry
The players in "The Wonder Hat",
a farce by Ben Hecht and Kenneth
Sawyer Goodman, are:

Harlequin John Moffit
Pierrot Ellis Attebury
Punchinello Harry Schwimmer
Columbine Margaret Baxter
Margot Allene Richardson

The cast for "Helena's Husband"
by Phillip Mollier is:

Menelaus, King of Sparta
Helen, the Queen Georgia France
Analytikos, the Librarian
Ernest Garth

Tsuumu, the Queen's slave Ella Wyatt
Paris, Prince of Troy John Moffit

"This can hardly be considered an
amateur production, considering the
personnel of the casts," said Mr.
Wrench. "Georgia France, Allene
Richardson, Fred Edwards and Robert
Herrick are remembered for their
work in "Oh! Oh! Cindy", Benton
Gabbert starred in "Two Crooks and
a Lady" given last year by the class
in dramatic interpretation. Zella Ed-
wards is remembered for her work

in the title role of "Mrs. Bascombe,"
and Joe Allen in "The Land of Heart's
Desire," and Ella Wyatt in the "Hour
Glass," at the same time. Harry
Schwimmer has been on the Orpheum
circuit, and John Barry is a member
of the Kansas City Comedy Club.

Will Debate Article X.

The Athenaeum Debating Society will
debate the question: "Resolved, That
Article X of the League Covenant
Should Be Adopted With Reservations,"
on Saturday night. Harold P.
Marley and Thomas F. Turner will
support the affirmative. Paul Limer-
ick and Irving Lowndale will speak
for the negative. The meeting will
be in Room D of the Y.M.C.A. Build-
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